

Amusements

POL'S

Poll's theatre tonight is to give the musical treat of the vaudeville season when S. Avitable will present Verdi's great opera "Il Trovatore" with Agnes Robinson and a cast of 18 famous artists. The name of Avitable assures the best of the opera, and the collection of singers, with special scenery assures lovers of music of a fine tableau offering.

The score has been cut only in the least significant parts, all the beautiful passages of the opera having been retained.

Another musical marvel who will appear on the program as an added attraction consistent with the great Verdi opera, is Otto Gygy, the internationally famous violinist whose technique is masterly and who plays classical and popular music with equal facility.

Photoplay lovers will greet Anita Stewart, Miss Stewart is to appear for the first time in Bridgeport in the newly released drama of intense interest, "The Daring of Diana." This is a five-part production, the locations being exceptionally beautiful and the theme having that interest which grips from the start and maintains its attractiveness throughout the culminating passages.

Those who appreciate comedy will be pleased to note on the program the name of Hom Haverly who will appear this week with his company of funsters in a new sketch.

Song, dance and cycling will have exponents in Montross & Sardell who have recently appeared in New York houses.

Northland & Ward, a new Western team in a modern vaudeville frolic are to lend their efforts towards completing the program.

PARK

This week, that very popular little star, Cecil Spooner, will commemorate her fifth successive, successful week in Bridgeport, with a magnificent production of Elinor Glyn's romantic love play, "Three Weeks," which is a literary work of the very highest order, as may be attested by all readers of novels of an uplifting nature, or patrons of the theatre, when lofty ideal performances are presented, and such is the calibre of this fascinating play, which will surely attract capacity attendance to the Park throughout the week. There is nothing sensational or overdrawn in the performance of "Three Weeks" it being a clean, inspiring and refreshing play, throughout the entire three acts. To use that which is said in "All the World Loves a Lover" is most appropriate one, as it possesses one of the most magnetic love narratives ever connected with a similar work, either of past or recent issue.

Miss Spooner, as Elinor Glyn, will appear in ideal parts. After the concluding performance of "Three Weeks" next Saturday night, Cecil Spooner and her company will have a vacation of three weeks' duration and will then return to the Park, opening Labor Day matinee, for the first half of that and each succeeding week, for an indefinite period, arrangements for which have just been consummated by Joseph Solly, manager of the Cecil Spooner company and P. F. Shea. The latter half of each week will be played in an adjacent city, for with negotiations now pending, and full particulars will be announced shortly. After fifty consecutive strenuous working weeks in this city, the Cecil Spooner Stock company is certainly entitled to a vacation, even though only for three weeks. There is an extraordinary large sale throughout the week.

LYRIC

Tonight "The Mayor of Tokio," Peters' great two-act farcical opera opens at the Lyric theatre where Bonville & Schoeneck made such a great success with "The Yankee Prince" last week. That the show will be a great success goes almost without saying, the advance sale of seats being large and capacity audiences expected every evening, and Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, when the matinee will be held.

All of the favorites of last week, with several others will be seen in "The Mayor of Tokio." Miss Yra Jeanne, the charming prima donna, whose success as the villainess last week was so marked, will be cast as "Oloto San," daughter of the mayor, whose part will be taken by that comical, naive, star of Broadway, William Bellery. Dave Mallen, the young man, who is so much like George M. Cohan, his partner; Miss Dorothy Wright, Edward N. Crawford, that favorite star, John L. Kearney, Walter Gilbert, Allan Ramsey, and Virginia Wynn, a new comer to the company, together with several others, will be seen in principal parts.

The chorus is one of the largest and most beautiful seen on a stage in the city in some time, and has been made the subject of much favorable comment. All of the song numbers will be given just as originally sung, together with several new ones. The people effects have been added with much care. "Madame Sherry" is announced as the show for next week.

PLAZA

"The Payment," an absorbing sex play in five acts starring Bessie Barriscale, the charming emotional actress and William Desmond, is the Plaza's big Triangle attraction for the first half of the week. "The Payment" is a story of unusual power and affords Miss Barriscale the fullest opportunity to display her wide range of emotional expression. It preaches a strong moral sermon and seeks to place a price on virtue—a price that is the very blood of life itself.

A new Keystone two part comedy will be shown in addition to the main photoplay. Jack Ward's "American Minstrels," acclaimed one of variety's most uniquely constructed minstrel offerings has been secured for the vaudeville program. The act is composed of five strikingly pretty and lavishly gowned young women with pleasing voices and nimble toes and two clever end-men whose screaming line of talk will be responsible for much hilarity at every performance.

Wells, Norworth and Moore, a trio of comedy dispensers with some delightful song and pianologue to fill in, have been secured for added features.

B. Kelly Forest, variety's most popular monologist whose ever-ready wit

and inexhaustible fund of stories never or fails to keep an audience in roars of laughter while he holds the stage has also been booked while Neher and Keppel, a man and a maid, in a roller skating offering that is delightfully out-of-the-ordinary, complete the attractions.

Pleasure Beach.

So's Howes, a favorite of English music halls, will be featured in the open-air vaudeville program at Pleasure Beach, the first half of the week, opening with today's matinee. Howes is an unusually clever tramp juggler, and has an offering that will be a real novelty for America. This will be his third week in America, his first two weeks bringing him merited recognition at Brighton Beach and Coney Island.

Other attractions in the program will include Bond & Bond, a clever lad and lassie, in a potpourri of songs and dances; and Frances Earle, a charming girl, in song hits.

The policy of three shows daily is proving a big hit at the Beach. Matinees are at 3:30 o'clock, and the evening performances are at 8 and 9:15 o'clock.



Our Query and Reply Department

Has any president ever sent out a personal agent before Mr. Wilson sent out Colonel House?

Yes. Washington sent Gouverneur Morris to London in 1789. President Taylor sent A. Dudley Mann to Hungary in 1840. Commodore Perry was sent to Japan in 1852. President Lincoln sent Thurlow Weed, Archbishop Hughes and Bishop McVane to Europe in 1861. Cleveland sent Mr. Blunt to Hawaii in 1893, and in 1900 W. W. Rockhill was sent to China, and in 1902 ex-President Taft was sent to Rome on a special mission to the pope. Mr. Wilson has sent out two, one to Mexico and one to Europe, evidently needing more information than was available.

Is there a real military organization known as the Texas rangers?

The rangers have cut a big figure in Texas history ever since Sam Houston and his compatriots seceded from Mexico and set up a republic of their own. The United States government organized seventeen companies of rangers during the war of 1812, and they were made a part of the regular army, being mustered out after Andrew Jackson's victory at New Orleans ended hostilities. When the Black Hawk war broke out in 1835 the rangers were called into action again. Each man furnished his own horse, arms and equipment and was paid \$1 a day. Later the battalion became a regiment of dragoons, which was later brought into the regular army as the First Cavalry. In the Confederate army several Texas units bore the title of rangers. The present organization consists of about forty men and officers.

What are the dimensions of the United States flag as standardized for the use of government departments?

The recent executive order fixes a standard proportion for the flag, and twelve standard sizes. The new standard proportion is one and one-tenth times as long as it is wide, with the blue field covering the width of seven of the thirteen stripes. The size of the stars is also fixed by the order. The sizes vary from 131 to 20 feet in width, and where the Union Jack is used it is to conform to the size of the flag with which it is flown.

When did the name of Zouave originate?

In 1830 General Clausel formed a regiment of native troops from the Zwawa tribe of the Kabyles. Gradually the native element died out, but the French regiment retained the name Zwawa, corrupted into Zouave, and also the Moorish dress. American zouaves were imitators.



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CONNECTICUT SUFFRAGE NEWS

(Mrs. Edward Porritt, Hartford.)

The names of women nominated for places in the Connecticut delegation to the national woman suffrage convention are now being sent in to headquarters in Hartford. The final choice of delegates will not be made, however, until the executive board meets in August. The convention is to be held in Atlantic City on September 6-12. Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the National American Woman Suffrage association, will preside over its sessions, and she will present the subject for which the convention has been specially called at this early date. This subject is the policy to be pursued by the national association and its affiliated branches in the coming presidential and congressional elections.

It is gratifying to suffragists all over the country that their cause has been endorsed by both the Republican and the Democratic party. The anger of Mrs. Catt and her colleagues was, however, excited by the manner in which many of the politicians have since treated the planks. There is a suspicion that some of these men simply intended to shelve the subject for the present—to clear the elections of the woman suffrage issue. With this in view they attempted to do something very closely resembling a bunco game. This is something that the women will not stand for, and every man who is insincerely trying to play with or fool the woman is likely to feel the weight of their anger in the election.

The suffragists in the East have no votes. They have only the much-boasted "indirect influence," and politicians in general do not greatly care about this feeble weapon. There is, however, something that they can do. It is something that was tried with great effect by Miss Margaret Foley in Massachusetts. They can go into the constituencies of candidates who have cheated them, and tell the voters just what these candidates have done. They can show up their records—and men who are ready to cheat the women have probably much in their records that they do not care to have shown up. They can tell just how these men have voted in the past on important measures. They can show up their untrustworthiness, and voters in general do not love a candidate who is willing to stoop to such unworthy methods as some of the candidates seem ready to adopt in connection with the woman suffrage issue. A bad candidate can usually be defeated by means of a large dose of truth served out to his constituents. The voters in general desire honest and straight men, and men who can be shown to have acted crookedly on one issue are not trustworthy on any issue.

LITTLE BENNY'S NOTEBOOK

(By Lee Page)

Us fellows started to have a yelling contest today, the idea being to take turns going around the corner and yelling, to see with ones voice could be heard the farthest away, me being the first to get around and I went as far as the alley and stood there and started to yell. Hay, hay, hay. Yelling as loud as I could, being pretty loud for my size, and as soon as I stopped on account of being out of breath, I saw there was about 10 people standing around me, and more coming up and a thin man with a green necktie said, Don't take it so hard, little boy, are you lost?

No sir, I'm in a yelling contest, I said.

Whatever that is, said the man with the green necktie.

Its jest yelling to see how far the other fellows can hear you, I said. And I started to yell again, putting my hands up like a megaphone and yelling, Hay, hay, hay, hay.

For goodness sake, said a lady with a lot of pacwidges. And more people stopped to see what the matter was, being a pretty big crowd, and a policeman pushed rite throo, saying, What is it, was the trouble here?

This boy hear is in a yelling contest, said the man with the green tie.

Well, then he better get out of it in a hurry, or go on some other beet and do it. I thawt somebody was killed, the kuntry is the place for that sort of thing, not the city, hay kid, if you dont want to be run in, take yourself for a walk, said the policeman.

With I did, going back to ware the fellows was standing around the lamp post and telling them about the cop. So we got up a game of lame duck insted of finishing the yelling contest.

Judson H. Boughton, president of the Great Lakes Boat Building Corporation, at Milwaukee, died of injuries received Thursday when his motor boat was destroyed by an explosion of gasoline.

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Employees of the Grand Union Tea Co. enjoyed a shore dinner at Savin Rock, Friday night. The party made the trip to the Rock and return by trolley car. Those who went were: Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mosseau, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cole, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Shaffer, John Jordan, John Wilson and Elmer Peterson, and the Misses Lena Gay, May Shaffer and Agnes Johnson.

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